

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims, in the application:

**LISTING OF CLAIMS:**

Claims 1-231 (Cancelled).

Claim 232 (Currently amended). A composition consisting of vitamins, minerals and excipients,

wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with the excipients,

wherein the vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and niacin, and the minerals consist of and ~~excipients comprise~~ calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said Vitamin A comprises beta carotene,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg, and

wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 233 (Currently amended). A composition consisting of vitamins, minerals and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with the excipients,

wherein said vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, niacin, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, and said minerals consist of and ~~excipients comprise~~ calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper,

wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg,

wherein said copper is in the amount of 1 mg

wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene,

wherein said Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> is thiamine mononitrate,  
wherein said Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> is pyridoxine,  
wherein said niacin comprises niacinamide,  
wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide,  
wherein said zinc is zinc oxide,  
wherein said copper is chelated copper, and  
wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 234 (Currently amended). A composition consisting of vitamins, minerals and excipients, wherein the vitamins and minerals are combined with each other in an intimate admixture with the excipients, wherein said vitamins consist of Vitamin A, Vitamin D, Vitamin C, Vitamin E, folic acid, Vitamin B<sub>1</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>2</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>6</sub>, Vitamin B<sub>12</sub>, niacin and said minerals consist of eomprise-calcium, iron, magnesium, zinc, and copper, wherein said iron consists of non-chelated iron in the amount of 50 mg, and wherein said composition is administerable to a patient.

Claim 235 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin A is beta carotene.

Claim 236 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin D is cholecalciferol.

Claim 237 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin C is ascorbic acid.

Claim 238 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>1</sub> is thiamine mononitrate.

Claim 239 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>2</sub> is riboflavin.

Claim 240 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>6</sub> is pyridoxine hydrochloride.

Claim 241 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said Vitamin B<sub>12</sub> is cyanocobalamin.

Claim 242 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said niacin is niacinamide.

Claim 243 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said magnesium is magnesium oxide.

Claim 244 (Previously presented). The composition of claim 234, wherein said zinc is zinc oxide.